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Digital 'Boot Camp' to Focus on Making Government More Responsive

Empowering citizens through the Internet will be a focus of the third annual Idaho Digital Government 'Boot Camp' held by the State of Idaho and scheduled for October 8 at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

Cathilea Robinett, Executive Director, Center for Digital Government, will keynote the opening session. Based in Folsom, CA, the Center is a national research and advisory institute providing government and industry leaders with decision support, research and education services to help them incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

The event is held for Idaho legislators, elected officials, city and county mayors and commissioners, college presidents and education leaders, Tribal representatives, and information technology professionals.

During lunch, the ITRMC will present its *IT Achievement Awards* to outstanding state and local government projects that save taxpayer dollars and increase agency efficiencies. Governor Dirk Kempthorne is scheduled to present the awards. Keynote lunch speaker is John Loether, Senior Technology Consultant to Hewlett-Packard. During the day, other national authorities will cover topics as criminal justice information, trust and privacy, public policy, and the enterprise view of government.

The State's Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC) holds the event and is partnering with leading technology firms located in Idaho, including Hewlett-Packard, Dell Computer Corporation, and Idaho Information Consortium (Access Idaho); Idaho State Police; along with Oracle and Microsoft. The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard has recognized Idaho's 'Boot Camp' and its format as a 'Best Practice' among U.S. state governments. For more information see: **http://www2.state.id.us/itrmc**

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